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1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH CONSERVATIVE AND INDEPENDENT PUBLICATIONS HAVE REMAINED SILENT ON MIDEAST PEACE MOVES DURING LAST FEW DAYS, LEFTIST PUBLICATIONS HAVE CONTINUED TO FOCUS ON CENTRALITY OF PALESTINE CAUSE AND TO ATTACK PRESIDENT SADAT FOR ACCEPTING PARTIAL SOLUTIONS. PLO ORGAN "FILASTIN ATH-THAWRA" ATTACKS FORD-KISSINGER EFFORTS, EMPHASIZING THAT "PALESTINE IS TODAY THE RPT THE FRONT AND IS THUS KEY TO PEACE AND WAR". PFLP ORGAN "AL-HADAF", PRO-PDFLP "AL-HURRIYYA", PRO-SOVIET LEBANESE CP ORGAN "AL-AKHBAR", AND PRO-LIBYAN "AS-SAFIR" ALL ATTACK EGYPTIAN "BETRAYAL" OF ARAB CAUSE AS THEY SEE IT. END SUMMARY.

2. PLO WEEKLY ORGAN "FILASTIN ATH-THAWRA" WRITES IN LEAD EDITORIAL (JUNE 15): "IN FACE OF RENEWED AMERICAN IMPERIALIST ATTEMPTS ... TO SEIZE INITIATIVE AND BRING DR. KISSINGER AND HIS STEP-BY-STEP POLICY BACK TO ARRANGE PARTIAL AGREEMENT ON SINAI FRONT ... PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION, ON BASIS OF ITS FIRM ATTITUDE RE ANY ROLE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM MAY PLAY, ASSERTS THAT NEW PLAN CARRYING SIGNATURE OF PRESIDENT FORD DIFFERS NEITHER IN FORM NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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IN CONTENT FROM PROJECTS THAT KISSINGER FAILED TO IMPLEMENT.

DESPITE KISSINGER'S CHARM AND HIS CELEBRATED ABILITIES, HIS PROJECTS RAN UP AGAINST PALESTINIAN CAUSE AND FELL BEFORE ITS OMNIPOTENCE. PALESTINE IS TODAY THE RPT THE FRONT AND IS THUS KEY TO PEACE AND WAR."

3. PFLP WEEKLY ORGAN "AL-HADAF" WRITES (JUNE 14): "RESULTS OF SALZBURG HAVE CONFIRMED THAT SADAT AGREED TO HAVE U.S. RETURN TO AREA AS MEDIATOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH ZIONIST ENEMY AND OFFERED POLITICAL CONCESSIONS TO THAT END.... EGYPTIAN REGIME HAS TAKEN FIRST STEP ALONG ROAD OF TREASON. THIS GIVES ARAB MASSES AND NATIONALIST AND REVOLUTIONARY FORCES ENORMOUS RESPONSIBILITIES -- THAT OF RESISTING THIS TREACHEROUS DEVIATION AND ADOPTING CLEAR POLITICAL ATTITUDE TOWARD IT AND THAT OF MOBILIZING TO FACE SURRENDERIST TIDE."

4. PRO-PDFLP WEEKLY "AL-HURRIYYA" WRITES (JUNE 16): "ALL INDICATIONS .. CONFIRM THAT EGYPTIAN REGIME IS ABOUT TO REACH BILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL.... IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THIS NEW CONSPIRACY, IT WAS NECESSARY TO POSTPONE ARAB SUMMIT SCHEDULED TO BE HELD IN SOMALI CAPITAL IN LATE MAY.... AIM OF POSTPONEMENT IS CLEAR. EGYPTIAN REGIME WANTED TO FREE ITSELF OF ANY ARAB COMMITMENT THAT WOULD RESTRICT IT AND EXPOSE ITS STEPS.... EGYPTIAN REGIME HAS BENEFITED FROM PHALANGE CONSPIRACY AGAINST PALESTINIAN RESISTANCE TO KEEP LATTER BUSY WITH MARGINAL BATTLES WHILE EGYPT WAS PREPARING TO REOPEN CANAL AND COOKING UP BILATERAL SETTLEMENT AT EXPENSE OF NATIONAL RIGHTS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OF GENERAL ARAB SETTLEMENT ON BASIS OF ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED TERRITORIES."

5. PRO-SOVIET LEBANESE CP WEEKLY ORGAN "AL-AKHBAR" WRITES (JUNE 14): "IT APPEARS THAT AMERICAN SETTLEMENT THAT FORD IS NOW DISCUSSING WITH EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT AND ISRAELI PREMIER DIFFERS NEITHER IN ESSENCE NOR IN BROAD LINES FROM SETTLEMENT KISSINGER PROPOSED DURING HIS RECENT TOUR -- I.E., PARTIAL SETTLEMENT BINDING ON BOTH PARTIES ... FOR PROTRACTED PERIOD.... MORE THAN ONE CARD HAS FALLEN FROM HANDS OF ARAB NEGOTIATOR ON ROAD OF CONFIDENCE IN AMERICA'S GOOD INTENTIONS AND CONSTRUCTIVE ATTITUDES ... AND EGYPTIAN LEADERSHIP HAS ABANDONED ITS SUPPORT FOR TRUE FRIENDS IN ITS ATTEMPT TO BUILD 'NEW FRIENDSHIPS'."

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6. COLUMNIST BILAL HASAN WRITES IN PRO-LIBYAN "AS-SAFIR" (JUNE 16): "IT CANNOT BE DOUBTED THAT STEP-BY-STEP SETTLEMENT IS EGYPTIAN DEMAND. BUT IT WOULD BE WRONG TO SAY THAT ISRAEL HAS SUBMITTED TO THIS AS RESULT OF AMERICAN PRESSURE. ISRAEL AND U.S. ARE THE ONES WHO WANT ISOLATED PARTIAL SETTLEMENT AND REJECT GENERAL SETTLEMENT FOR REASONS CONNECTED WITH THEIR INTERESTS." GODLEY

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